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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Shinsaku Higashi et al.

Application No.: 10/814,603

Confirmation No.: 5472

Filed: March 31, 2004

Art Unit: 2123

For: TEST EMULATOR, TEST MODULE  
EMULATOR AND RECORD MEDIUM  
STORING PROGRAM THEREIN

Examiner: M. C. Jacob

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)**

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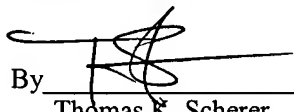
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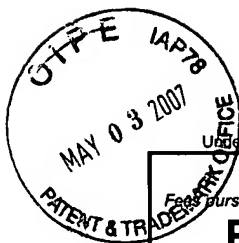
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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
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Multiple dependent claims	360	180

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